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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **FIVE** pages with **TWO** sections only.
2. Write all of your answers in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: TENSES [40 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use each option **ONLY ONCE.**

quilt	sew	have	show off	plead
get	accuse	cool	dig	spend

1. Emma has informed her mother not to cook dinner because Emma knows that by the time Emma gets home from work at 6 P.M., her mother ____ **(1)** ____ the cover for Emma's baby shower for two hours. She will be too tired to cook by then.
2. Angus Milligan, 21, a psychology student, ____ **(2)** ____ guilty at Aberdeen sheriff court on Tuesday to assaulting Ms Drouet by seizing her by the neck and choking her, pushing her against a desk and repeatedly slapping her.
3. The weather service predicts that it ____ **(3)** ____ cold in a week.
4. Alex must wait a while longer because the muffins ____ **(4)** ____ by the window.
5. Amir ____ **(5)** ____ to his girlfriend when he tore a muscle in his shoulder.
6. Ben manages his time very well. It is very easy to guess his whereabouts as everything that he does is according to clockwork. If you want to see him tomorrow around noon, you should go to the town square. Ben ____ **(6)** ____ his lunch there at his favourite burrito stall.
7. The parents of a student who died after a campaign of violent abuse by her boyfriend ____ **(7)** ____ her university of failing to provide a basic duty of care.
8. Because of the incident, some passengers ____ **(8)** ____ the night at the airport, but faced long lines to check in or rebook.
9. You should not be too stressed out. The prom is in June. By then, Miss. Becky ____ **(9)** ____ your dream prom dress.
10. To mark the 7th anniversary the passing of our beloved dog, we plan to hold a tree-planting ceremony tomorrow at 9 A. M. When you come by at around 7:30 A. M., you can find Bill at the backyard. He ____ **(10)** ____ a hole for the tree there.

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have	admire	wash	grow	believe
enjoy	hate	regain	cause	study

11. By the time he finishes this semester, Barney ____ **(11)** ____ medicine for four years.
12. After a strict diet of low-calorie dog food, Sylvia's Labrador retriever Hopper no longer resembles a beach ball on sticks. In fact, Hopper ____ **(12)** ____ his ability to catch Frisbees in midair again.
13. This Sunday, Marge ____ **(13)** ____ an entire week of uninterrupted sleep.
14. By the time you finish this huge project, you ____ **(14)** ____ very old.
15. Dolly ____ **(15)** ____ dogs more than snakes or cockroaches. She ____ **(16)** ____ that canines are loathsome creatures because their only goal in life is to kill her front lawn with urine.
16. Sandy and Patrick ____ **(17)** ____ some arts at the gallery when a huge crash jolted them from their excursion. Apparently, a botched selfie attempt by some mischievous teenagers ____ **(18)** ____some expensive sculptures to collapse.
17. I asked Roseanne earlier about the dishes. She said she ____ **(19)** ____ them. I had my doubts because the water company said they ____ **(20)** ____ problem with clean water supply for 3 days.

(20 marks)

Question II

Instructions: Complete this article. Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

The Ping-Pong Shop

I **(0)** **love** **(love)** stories. Stories are the very essence of understanding the human condition. Stories pull at our emotions, awaken our senses and ____ **(1)** ____ **(make)** us feel human. Stories ____ **(2)** ____ **(romanticise)** our memories, making us feel we have a fulfilling life.

A good story can be the stuff of legends. It all depends on how the storyteller brings it alive, creates a captivating setting, heightens tension and depicts memorable characters. Sometimes, a good story also comes with a big meaningful lesson that ____ **(3)** ____ **(survive)** through the test of time.

Here is a little story I have. Recently, I signed up for my secondary school's alumni ping-pong tournament for fun. I am not a good player and do not have a proper ping-pong bat.

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I ____ **(4)** ____ **(have)** only a limited time to get it because the tournament is scheduled to be held in two month's time. So, I asked around about getting one and a friend told me of this specialist ping-pong shop in Pertama Complex, Kuala Lumpur. I got excited. I ____ **(5)** ____ **(visit, not)** Pertama Complex for decades. I ____ **(6)** ____ **(enter, not)** a shop dedicated to all things ping-pong.

So, I went to Pertama. When I stepped into the mall, it was as if time had stood still. I felt like I was in a time warp and I was in secondary school clothes all over again. Nothing ____ **(7)** ____ **(change)**. I guess that those jeans, sports stuff and coffeeshop menus ____ **(8)** ____ **(decorate)** the walls of these shops for ages – untouched.

I started walking slowly, looking for the ping-pong shop, passing numerous shops and up and down stairs deep into the belly of Pertama. I couldn't find the shop. I ____ **(9)** ____ **(pick up)** my pace, turned a few more corners, doubled back as I hit dead ends, walked up and down more stairs. Still, I couldn't find it.

I ____ **(10)** ____ **(dial)** my friend's number to ask for direction when my steps intuitively took me to a left turn. I felt like I ____ **(11)** ____ **(walk)** into a faded 1970s photograph when I walked through the dimly-lit corridor of sign-less shops. Left and right were plain doors that had names like "Trading This" and "Wholesale That". I sensed the companies behind these doors must be very old ones, unchanged since they started business.

I looked left and stopped dead in my tracks. I saw windows with the most amazing pictures of all things ping-pong. There wasn't any sign. Just a door. I took a deep breath and ____ **(12)** ____ **(open)** the door slowly. The door creaked as I stepped into a majestic world of ping-pong. Under a dim light, bats, blades and paddles of all shapes, sizes and colours were hanging from the walls and old wooden cabinets.

By the time I reached the shop's register, three curious heads ____ **(13)** ____ **(look up, already)** from behind piles of ping-pong paraphernalia on an old counter. An old uncle stepped out and walked slowly to me with a slight world-weary limp. "Ah, son. You are looking for something?", he said. "I ____ **(14)** ____ **(look)** for a ping-pong paddle," I replied, "I am a beginner. I use a pen-hold grip." He smiled. "Let me see," he said. I pretended to hold an invisible ping-pong bat. I wanted to say something but the old uncle ____ **(15)** ____ **(touch, already)** my thumb and third finger slightly and announced: "Chinese. Not Japanese". He looked into my questioning eyes and said: "You must use Chinese pen-hold. That is best for you".

He went up a little wooden stepladder and reached up to the top of a stack of ping-pong blades. He then walked towards me and said: "Son, this blade fits you." I bowed slightly as I took the blade. It was like a ping-pong wizard ____ **(16)** ____ **(bestow)** a ping-pong blessing on me that would accompany me in my ping-pong battles for ages to come. "This will keep you in good stead for a long time. Keep it well and it will serve you loyally," he concluded. I bowed and walked backwards, head down, out of the shop. I looked at the bat and felt a strong sense of pride in my new possession. What an experience that was.

Ok. I have to admit it. In my penchant for romanticising my memories, I may have over-dramatised what happened. Here is what actually happened.

I went to Pertama, ran up some stairs, turned into the corridor, found the shop. Its windows were filled with worn-out posters. The shop was a mess. There were three people. While the other two ____ **(17)** ____ **(watch)** TV and playing with the phone respectively, the old uncle looked at me. I asked, "You got bat for beginner? Pen-hold". He asked,

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"Chinese? Japanese?" I shrugged. He showed me both, "Whatever also ok." I chose Chinese. He then said "Rubber how?" I shrugged. He pointed to a stack of rubbers and said, "Just choose *lor*. Any one of these also can." I chose one randomly. He took the rubber and cut it into a shape with a huge rusted blade rather fast and scarily, and glued it onto the bat, wiping excess glue with a dirty towel. I walked out of the shop and realised I ____ **(18)** ____ **(spend, just)** RM300.

I like my first version of the story better. I ____ **(19)** ____ **(tell)** any curious friends of mine this version of the story just so that the act of spending RM300 on a ping-pong bat seemed worthwhile. Now, that is a lesson that ____ **(20)** ____ **(last)** through the ages.

Adapted from: https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/columnists/2017/06/245191/ping-pong-shop

(20 marks)

SECTION B: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: The following extract contains 21 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 20 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

Example	No	Line	Error	Correction
	1	1	do	does

Naps to Productivity

What do PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi have in common with Yahoo! CEO Marissa Mayer other than the fact that they are both female heads of major corporations?

The answer to both these questions are that they all get an average of four hours of sleep every night. If you are not able to emulate these workaholics, do not feel bad. It is not just tenacity that allow them to do with so little sleep. Genetic has more than a little to do with it too.

According to Ying-Hui Fu, a biologist and human genetics professor at the University of California, San Francisco, about 90 per cent of the human population need between seven and nine hours of sleep a night. Fu, who has been studying the short-sleeping phenomenon since 1996, say that about three to five per cent of the population can make do with around 6.5 hours and less than one per cent can get by with less than four hours. Short sleepers are just born that way.

For the rest of us who belong in that 90 per cent bracket, insufficient sleep are nothing short of torture. All of us knows how terrible it feels to be struggling to stay alert right after lunch; and how scary it is to be nodding off at the wheel after a long day at work.

It is well-established that lack of sleep impact our health in so many ways — our heart, immune system, metabolism and even fertility — but we do not need scientific studies to convince us of that. We can literally feel how bad it is for our bodies whenever we do not get enough sleep. Similarly, experience tell us that lack of sleep also affects us mentally. We are less alert and have difficulty focusing because of it. However, what may not be so obvious is just how badly it affect our ability to work.

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Research has shown that people who get less than five hours of sleep for a few nights in a row has the equivalent of a 0.10 blood-alcohol level. To give you a sense of what that means, it is considered a crime to drive in the US if your blood-alcohol level is 0.08!

There is an economic effect to all this. According to a study published by RAND Europe last November, the lack of sleep among the American workforce cost the US economy approximately US$411 billion. The study, Why Sleep Matters — The Economic Costs of Insufficient Sleep, are the first ever to quantify the economic impact of sleep deprivation. "Our study shows that the effects from a lack of sleep are massive," says its lead author, Marco Hafner. "Sleep deprivation not only influences an individual's health and wellbeing but have a significant impact on a nation's economy, with lower productivity levels and a higher mortality risk among workers."

That same month, Arianna Huffington — of Huffington Post fame — launched a new company called Thrive Global. Thrive Global advocate the importance of proper sleep for increased productivity. Huffington has long held a deep interest in the topic of sleep and even wrote a book about it entitled The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life One Night at a Time. Thrive Global not only offers a digital platform for conversations to be held about the topic of sleep but also sell products that help you sleep better.

However, getting a good night's rest are still not enough to foster optimal productivity in workers. Even if you get your eight hours, you will still feel drowsy at different times during the day. That is because our bodies go through 90-minute cycles where we drift from a state of alertness at the start of the cycle to a drowsy phase at the end of the cycle. What we tend to do to combat the sleepy phase are go to the washroom to splash water on our faces or drink cups of coffee to help us stay awake. These things help somewhat but they do not remove the fatigue our bodies feel.

Some progressive companies in the US are already recognising the value of naps. Uber has nap rooms at its headquarters. Google has nap pods. However, it is not just new economy companies that are recognising the value of power naps. You might be surprised to hear that PricewaterhouseCoopers have nap pods too.

In Malaysia, some companies are starting to warm up to corporate wellness programmes. I know of two people who conduct workshops and trainings on this topic and they tell me the uptake are very promising. More and more companies realise they have to do this in order to get the most out of their employees. Nevertheless for these companies, the focus is more on nutrition, exercise and relaxation. Napping is a much harder sell and require a huge mindset change on the part of management. Even in the US, only about five per cent of corporations have a policy allowing workers to take naps during working hours.

Well, if we canot look to the US for guidance on this matter perhaps we should look East — to Taiwan where it is common for workers to pull out pillows to take a short nap right after lunch. Imagine your employer allowing you to sleep after a hearty banana leaf lunch. I guess you could call it a dream job.

Adapted from: https://www.nst.com.my/lifestyle/sunday-vibes/2017/06/245587/future-proof-nap-productivity

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End of Paper